











WORK, PLAY, LIVE

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

What makes a community a great place? The people who make up the community. The Village of Walton Hills has great people who not only live here, but work here too; and that makes our Village a great place to not only live, but work. The location of any given community also adds to its overall success – for us – we're between two major cities – Cleveland and Akron. The infrastructure of a community often times is what jumps out to potential investors. A community's accessibility from the interstate also plays into an investor's decision on where to re-locate or to start a new business. The Village of Walton Hills has been working on branding, signage and safety all areas that if improved or upgraded correctly can help to bring new business to our Village to sustain our economy now and in the future.

Our elected officials have worked with planners, engineers and landscape architects to create a beautiful community that is appealing to investors. Walton Hills is an example of a small town that has created an identity for itself — as a community with a sustainable plan — one that will benefit our current residents, and future residents too.

As we begin 2018, I want to take a moment to reflect on 2017. Walton Hills has held ownership of our new Community Center building, located at 14660 Alexander Road, now for a little more than 10 months. Several events were held at the new facility last year that was beneficial to a lot of people – and I hope that trend will continue this year. Some of the events that were held at the Community Center include: the Halloween Party – which served close to 85 children, and our annual tree lighting ceremony which hosted around 170 people, 54 of which were kids that sat on Santa's lap! Not only did the Village host events at the center, but several folks rented the multi-purpose room and banquet hall for their own family gatherings. That trend will continue this year as well. Folks have already signed up to rent the building in 2018! We ended 2017 on

a good note — with our annual Santa Delivery! Residents greeted Santa as he rode around the Village on a fire truck delivering gifts to residents of all ages!

Despite some minor challenges in 2017 – we managed to end the year on a positive note. We plan on continuing that positivity into 2018 with several projects being discussed that will boost our community! We are planning on improving the Walton Hills' corridors and intersections this year, including the Northfield Road corridor improvement project that we've discussed for three years. The first business to make an investment in the beautification of our community was Fuel Mart. We hope to have other businesses along Northfield Road join in the beautification effort to improve our business district in 2018, including our gateway by Ward's Bridge. There are several plans being discussed that would improve our community for years to come. We're also expecting at least three different companies to invest in Walton Hills for 2018.

Now, I'd like to fill residents in on a program that we will be starting this year. Beginning on January 8th, on the second Monday of the month, I'll host "Coffee with the Mayor." It'll start at 7pm either in the Community Room or the Council Chambers, whichever is available. Residents will have the opportunity to come and share their concerns or ask questions about the goings-on of the Village of Walton Hills. I'll host "Coffee with the Mayor" during the winter months – or the first quarter – to see how many residents attend – and if it's something that will continue after the first quarter. We'll continue to have our "Morning Meetings with the Mayor." One of our goals this year is to get as much input from our residents to improve our communication with each other when it comes to the operations of the Village of

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Walton Hills.



BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

This January we'll get you fired up all month long.

Simply play with your Rock Star Rewards card from January 1st - 27th to earn entries to win your share of \$50,000 in FREE PLAY or one of five packages including a cruise getaway, hot tub, diamonds and more! Drawings held every Saturday in January from 3pm - 7pm!

Free Play Drawings from 3pm - 6pm; 5 winners each hour receive \$500!

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1 WINNER EACH SATURDAY



Clear the way with a new Snow Blower! Wear your ice with a 2.35ct. Diamond Jewelry Set! Warm up with a \$1,000 Rock Shop Gift Card.

1 WINNER EACH SATURDAY



Time to get fired up with a 6 person hot tub, electric fireplace and a cozy King size electric blanket.

2 WINNERS EACH SATURDAY



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1 WINNER EACH SATURDAY



The weather may be cold but our VLTs are **HOT! HOT! HOT! Stay** warm with \$2,500 Free Play!

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NORTHFIELD PARK FIND YOUR RHYTHM

Legislation Approved at the 12.19.2017 Council Meeting

Council meeting minutes are available in their entirety on the Village website

Ordinance No. 2017-15 authorizes the Mayor to enter into a utility agreement with Cuyahoga County for the maintenance of the storm and sanitary sewage systems.

Ordinance No. 2017-18 amends Section 1060 under Chapter Six of the Codified Ordinances, to provide for the collection of fees for residential waste collection.

Ordinance No. 2017-19 makes temporary appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Walton Hills during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2018.

Ordinance No. 2017-20 makes permanent appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Walton Hills during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017.

Ordinance No. 2017-21 amends Section 260.08 of the Codified Ordinances titled "Hospitalization Insurance," making the same effective on January 1, 2018 as hereinafter indicated.

Ordinance No. 2017-22 enacts Section 414.035 Traffic Law Photo – Monitoring Devices of the Codified Ordinances.

Ordinance No. 2017-23 amends Section 242.16 (b) of the Codified Ordinances titled "Hospitalization Insurance," making the same effective on January 1, 2018 as hereinafter indicated.

Ordinance No. 2017-24 authorizes a collective bargaining agreement with the Village of Walton Hills and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 37, Walton Hills Division.

Resolution No. 2017-28 authorizes the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to extend the contract with the Village of Oakwood to provide fire, rescue and emergency medical service to the Village of Walton Hills.

Resolution No. 2017-29 authorizes the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with the Villages of Oakwood and Glenwillow to provide dispatch services.

Resolution No. 2017-30 expresses the intent of the Village of Walton Hills to use the income tax collections from the Oakwood Village fire personnel working in the Village of Walton Hills to be designated and allocated to provide safety equipment.

Reminder: The Village Hall will be closed on New Year's Day – Monday, January 1, 2018.

Reminder: The Village Hall will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2018 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



Thank You Carol James Florist

The Village of Walton Hills thanks Carol James Florist for decorating the Christmas tree in the Village Hall lobby.

They also provide a beautiful floral arrangement for display each week.

You can give Carol James a call at **440.786.1811** to order your next floral arrangement!

The Village of Walton Hills will be swearing-in all elected officials at 12pm on Monday, January 1st.

The swearing-in ceremony will take place in the Community Room across from the Village Hall.

Mayor's Letter

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Now to provide information related to the 2018 budget. The Village Council will pass a quarterly budget to review during the next three months – this includes reviewing proposals that have been presented to help offset our operational costs for 2018. We have proposed to enter into an agreement which will allow Cuyahoga County to manage all of our sewer system maintenance for the future. This will save approximately \$125,000 from our operational budget. A new three year police contract has been presented to us for 2018 at approximately \$1.7 million in operational costs, which is a reduction from the last contract of \$2.2 million (an all-time high). We have increased our police/fire dispatching services by \$35,000. The new service contract is for two different communities, which

will bring in \$181,000 in 2018 and effectively reduces our fire contract to under \$400,000 (the outgoing cost to our Village). This is still the lowest contract for service for our community since the late 1990s. We escalated to \$880,000 in 2008 for fire protection with no service on site at the Village Hall. We have offered a budget with a reduction of approximately \$200,000 less in operations.

Finally, with great regret we have accepted the resignation of a zoning board member. After seventeen years of service, Mike Cummins informed the Village of Walton Hills that he is retiring. We would like to say thank you for the almost two decades of work you put in to serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals. We hope you enjoy your retirement!

Because of Mr. Cummins retirement announcement, the Village has an opening on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Any residents who are interested in the position should apply with a letter of interest and a resume that shows your interest in serving our Village. You can drop off your application in the white mailbox outside of the Village Hall. Please have all of your application materials submitted to the Village Hall by Friday, January 19th.

May God bless you in the New Year!

Kevin Hurst

Mayor/Safety Director, I.G.I.T

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Learn about our academic programs, all new Maker Space including 1:1 Chromebooks in grades 3-8. Explore student life activities such as Athletics, Band, SBTV, Student Council, Award Winning Academic Challenge and Science Olympiad Teams, Cooking, Ski Club, 3D Animation, Spanish and so much more.

Join us for Catholic Schools Week Open House Sunday, January 28 11:00—12:30 pm

Future Preschool, PreK and Kindergarten Students, Join Us for THE EARLY LEARNING EXPERIENCE
Thursday, February 8, 6:00 P.M.
Please RSVP for The Early Learning Experience 330-467-7921



For more information or to schedule a private day or evening tour, please call the school office: 330-467-7921

www.sbcatholicschool.com

Walton Hills Police Department Information

Stanley Jaworski, Interim Chief of Police / Councilman Denny Linville, Safety Committee Chair

The Village of Walton Hills will be implementing Ready Notify this year to inform residents of any emergency that may affect them. Ready Notify is a mass notification system used by Cuyahoga County and participating municipalities to issue emergency notifications to residents, citizens and businesses of emergency situations, nonemergency events and provide information about necessary actions.

Ready Notify is primarily used for emergency notifications when rapid and accurate information is essential for your immediate safety; however if you'd like, you can be notified of general Cuyahoga County government news too. Participation in the Ready Notify Program is voluntary. A valid email and phone number will be needed to signup. During the registration process you'll be asked to give your address, your primary language, and if you require any special assistance during an emergency event.



When you sign-up, you will receive emails as well as have the opportunity to choose how you want to receive additional messages. Additional messages can be delivered in the following ways: cell phone (voice), home phone (voice), work phone (voice), SMS/text messaging, email or by

fax. If you sign-up for Ready Notify you can expect to receive notifications about: emergency events, Cuyahoga County government news, Cuyahoga County building closures, water boil alerts, safety messages, and other important information from the Village of Walton Hills.

It's easy to register, just go to: www.ReadyNotify. CuyahogaCounty.us. If you need assistance with signing up for Ready Notify alerts, please contact the Village Hall at (440) 232-7800. Someone from the Village Hall or the Police Department will contact you to assist with signing up for Ready Notify.

Address Visibility

The Walton Hills Police Department would like to remind residents to make sure your address is visible on your mailbox. We've noticed that some residents don't have address numbers on their mailboxes. When the police or fire department is looking for your house, there's a good chance we'll drive right by if your address isn't visible. Please make sure your address numbers are painted on both sides (if able to be) of your mailbox or post using spray paint and stencils.

Fake Check Scams

Recently, a Parma resident received an unsolicited letter in the mail, along with a check in the amount of \$3,500 asking her to "mystery shop" two separate Western Union outlets. Had she deposited the check and wired the money, as the letter instructed, she would have learned that her bank discovered the check to be a fake. With the money gone, the consumer would have been responsible for repaying the bank thousands of dollars and any fees that accrued. Mystery shopping scams (sometimes referred to as secret shopping) is where the consumer received fraudulent solicitations by mail, text, or email asking them to report on their experience with a business. To appear

legitimate, the scam artists use familiar companies, logos, banks or government agencies on letters or checks. Here are some tips to recognize and avoid fake check scams:

- 1. Never deposit checks from strangers. Especially if you're asked to wire money from the check sent to you.
- 2. Never pay an upfront fee to become a mystery shopper.
- 3. If you receive a suspicious check in the mail don't deposit it! Report fake check scams to the Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs at (216) 443-7035.

January Recreation News

Carol Stanoszek, Recreation Director (440) 786-2964 stanoszekc@waltonhillsohio.gov Mary Brenner-Miller, Recreation and Community Life Committee Chairwoman

Event: HARD ROCK ROCKSINO TRIP

Date: Monday, January 22nd

Time: Leaving the Community Center at 9:45am

Site: Northfield Cost: Free

Note: Receive \$20 in play, music BINGO, earn double

points, and enjoy the buffet for \$9.99. If you want to go on the trip, you must sign up by Tuesday, January 16th by calling (440) 786-2964. Also, please realize that you may have to wait for the bus to come back for pick up.

Event: SENIOR LUNCH

Date: Monday, January 29th

Time: 11:15am

Site: Community Center

Cost: \$7

Note: Start 2018 off by coming together with

neighbors and friends for a really nice lunch! We will be entertained by Stagecoach Mary Fields (Women in History). Learn about her life! Sign up by calling the Rec Department at

(440) 786-2964 by Monday, January 22nd.

Event: CAROL'S BOOKWORMS

Date: Monday, January 29th

Time: 7pm

Site: Community Center

Note: Join our nice group of ladies to discuss our book.

CAROL'S BOOKWORM REVIEW

Last month we read and discussed the book "My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry," by Fredrik Backman. We rated this book:









Out of 5

Please note that all programs and trips are subject to change due to bad weather.

Please call the Recreation Department for any concerns: 440-786-2964

WALTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS:

Event: SENIOR STAYING VERTICAL PROGRAM

Instructor – Brenda Walker

Date: Mondays and Wednesdays

January 8th through January 29th

Time: 1pm – 2pm

Site: Community Center

Cost: \$10/class

Note: Improve your strength, mobility, flexibility and

balance! Reduce your risk for falls! These classes are open to men and women who are

over the age of 55!

Event: ABS & ASSETS-FEMALE FITNESS CLASS

Instructor – Brenda Walker

Date: Wednesdays

January 10th through January 31st

Time: 6pm – 7pm Site: Community Center

Cost: \$12/class or \$40 up front!

Note: Ladies, challenge and strengthen your bodies!

Dress comfortably, wear tennis shoes and bring

a mat if you have one.

Our wish to all of you for the New Year is,
we hope you all try something new!
Learn something new; try something you have
never done before! When was the last time you did
something for the first time? Go for it!
And hey, if you make a mistake –
you will learn from that too!

Happy New Year!

From the Walton Hills Recreation and Community
Life Department!

Santa Claus Came to Town!



2018 Medicare Costs

Kathleen Kapusta, LISW-S Social Worker / Office Phone 216.524.5570

Listed below are 2018 Medicare costs at-a-glance:

Part A Premium	Most people don't pay a monthly premium for Part A (sometimes called "premium-free Part A). If you buy Part A, you'll pay up to \$422 each month. If you paid Medicare taxes for less than 30 quarters, the standard Part A premium is \$422. If you paid Medicare taxes for 30-39 quarters, the standard Part A premium is \$232.		
Part A – hospital inpatient deductible and coinsurance Part A – skilled nursing copayment	\$1,340 deductible/benefit period Days 1-60: \$0 coinsurance/benefit period Days 61-90: \$335 coinsurance per day/benefit period Days 91 and beyond: \$670 coinsurance per each "lifetime reserve day" after day 90/benefit period (up to 60 days over your lifetime) Beyond lifetime reserve days: all costs Days 21-100: \$167.50/day		
Part B premium – for those with incomes below \$85,000 if single, or \$170,000 if married	The standard Part B premium amount is \$134 (or higher depending on your income). However, some people who get Social Security benefits will pay less than this amount, \$130 on average.		
Part B deductible and coinsurance	\$183 per year. After your deductible is met, you typically pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount for most doctor services (including most doctor services while you're a hospital inpatient), outpatient therapy, and durable medical equipment.		

• Copayments and premiums may be covered by Medigap/supplemental insurance

Help Fight Medicare Fraud

Medicare fraud wastes a lot of money each year and results in higher health care costs and taxes for everyone. There are con artists who may try to get your Medicare Number or personal information so they can steal your identity and commit Medicare fraud.

Guard your Medicare card like it's a credit card. Give your Medicare Number only to people you know should have it.

Medicare, or someone representing Medicare, will never contact you for your Medicare Number or other personal information unless you've given them permission in advance. Don't forget, to help protect your identity, Medicare is mailing new Medicare cards between April 2018 and April 2019. Your new card will have a new Medicare Number that's unique to you, instead of your Social Security Number.

Source: Medicare.gov: The Official US Government Site for Medicare

Street Commissioner's Report

Rob Kalman, Building Inspector / Assistant Street Commissioner Councilman Brian Spitznagel, Infrastructure Committee Chairman

I hope everyone was able to take time out of their busy schedules to enjoy the holiday season with family and friends. Our winter season started off with a bang during the second week of December! Our staff stayed busy switching gears from leaf removal to loading up the plow trucks with salt for snow removal in the same week. Our service department remains on call 24/7 for snow and ice removal from the Village's streets and properties to ensure the safety of our residents and commuters. Here are some reminders for everyone as we ring in 2018:

Trash Collection: Residents, please remember that your trash and recycling bins cannot be put out for collection until 6pm of the day before collection day. After your

trash and recyclables have been picked up, please move the cans from the right-of-way in a timely manner and store them near your house. Also, unless you have been authorized to not utilize the carts due to special circumstances, all trash and recyclables must be placed in the provided containers.

Recycling: We participate in several recycling programs each year, the first of which is the live Christmas tree collection. We will be picking up any live Christmas trees for recycling during the first two weeks of January. Please have all tree bags, ornaments, wires and light strings removed prior to placing your tree in the berm area for pick up. Other recycling programs to be held throughout the year include the household hazardous waste



collection, used computers collection, and the old tires collection. The roundups are in conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District and are free to Walton Hills' residents. More information on when the roundups will be in upcoming issues of the Walton Hills Journal.



Have a
Happy and
Safe New
Year!

Reminder: Due to New Year's Day, trash will be collected on Saturday, January 6th

Reminder: The monthly outdoor tornado siren test is Saturday, January 6th from 12:00pm – 12:01pm

ONE OF OUR OWN

Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky, Information Committee Chairwoman

Memorial Day 2010 was a very special day for me. That was when I met Holly and Spokes. This is a story about Holly - a lady, a veteran, a teacher, a racer, a volunteer, a quilter and her faithful service dog - Spokes. At the 2010 Walton Hills Memorial Day Ceremony, Holly was the guest speaker, as she came around the side of the podium to speak, the first of three things I noticed about her was her smile, the fact that she was sitting in a wheelchair and her service dog — a black lab was at her side.

After the ceremony we all went into the Community Room for refreshments and Holly and Spokes joined us at our table. I could not take my eyes off her; she was so full of enthusiasm and had a zest for life. I knew right then and there that I needed to spend some time with her to learn her story. I told her I like to write human interest articles and asked if I could write one about her life. She graciously said yes. Holly and Spokes picked me up in her van equipped with hand controls and off we went for pancakes at a local I-HOP.

For two hours I sat there, mesmerized, listening and asking Holly questions. I kept thinking to myself, here is a 50-year-old woman, who on August 11, 1990 - while serving as a Captain in the Army, lost the use of her legs in a horrible vehicle accident and yet she never stops smiling. We talked about her family and growing up in Buffalo, New York, about her identical twin sister and all of her siblings who've also served in the military. She told me after her accident she had to be strapped to a board so that she could



be rotated to keep from getting bed sores. She hated it because since she is such a small person the straps did not fit correctly across her face and when she was upside down her head would hang down. Then as only a loving mom could do, her mom would crawl under Holly's bed to talk to her.

As a kid she played with Barbie dolls, but G.I. Joe was her favorite and he was always going off to war. She told me about Fort Bragg and earning her wings by jumping out of planes. After the accident she returned to college to earn her teaching degree. She currently is a substitute teacher in the Parma and Berea School Districts for grades K through 8. Holly loves the outdoors and one of the reasons she moved to Walton Hills was to be close to the Metro Parks. She is a wheelchair racer. Holly has competed in a marathon (26.2 miles) in all 50 states and has won numerous gold medals at the National Veteran Wheelchair Games.

Now fast forward seven years to November 9, 2017. Councilman Linville and I drove down to Dublin, Ohio to present Holly with a proclamation from Mayor Hurst and Council to honor her for being an inductee in the 2017 Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. During these last seven years her beloved dog Spokes passed away; she has a new service dog named Glory. Holly has netted six gold medals in the wheelchair games. She has not spent time just spinning her wheels so to speak though, Holly is the sports director and secretary for the Buckeye Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America. She is a peer counselor for newly injured spinal cord veterans at the Cleveland Veterans Hospital, a motivational speaker for veterans' organizations, school groups and attends many Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies.

Seven years may have gone by, but she has not slowed down one bit from the first time I met her. The only thing different is that smile! It's bigger than ever! Her spirit shines through that smile. I salute you Holly S. Koester; you have inspired me and have helped numerous people find their way. I would like to say thank you to all of our military service members and their families for your service to our country.

God Bless America and to those who served and continue to serve this great country and all over this world.

Calendar of Events

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	New Year's Day Village Hall Closed	C.O.W. Mtg. 2 6pm	3	Mayor's Court 4pm	5	Trash Pick Up (New Year's) Outdoor Siren Test
	Closed					12pm
7	50 Plus Club Board Mtg. 10am	C.O.W. Mtg. 6pm	Senior Vertical Program 1-2pm	Mayor's Court 4pm	12	13
	Senior Vertical Program 1-2pm		Abs & Assets 6pm			
	Historical Resource Center 1-3pm		Lake Club Mtg.			
	Coffee w/Mayor 7pm		6:30pm			
	Women's Club Board Mtg. 7pm					
14	MLK Day Village Hall Closed	Council Mtg. 6pm	Senior Vertical Program 1-2pm	Mayor's Court 4pm	19	20
	50 Plus Club Mtg. 1 pm		Abs & Assets 6pm			
	Senior Vertical Program 1-2pm					
	Antique Car Club 7pm					
21	22 Hard Rock Rocksino Leaving at 9:45am	23	Senior Vertical 24 Program 1-2pm	Mayor's Court 25 4pm	26	27
	Senior Vertical		Abs & Assets 6pm			
	Program 1-2pm		Women's Club Mtg. 7pm			
28	Senior Lunch 11:15am	30	Abs & Assets 6pm			
	Senior Vertical Program 1-2pm					
	Carol's Bookworms 7pm					

Women's Exercise Class - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the Community Room **Mahjongg** - Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4pm at the Walton Hills Church of Christ

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